

## GSC Meeting - Minutes

April Meeting (4/6/09)

Bldg 50/Room 1227

**Attendance:** Kim Baxter, Matt Berberich, Kate Callahan, Vania Cao, Sandra Chapman, Dan Crooks, Julien Debbache, Caroline Duffy, Lydia Durant, Shawna Graves (conference call), Stephanie Guzik, Tom Johnson, Athena Klutz, Angelo Kolokithas (conference call), Guillaume Leboucher, Augustin Luna, Nick McBride, Sharon Milgram, Marieke Mur, Ashley Owen, Candace Pfefferkorn, Andre Pilon, Micah Webster, Shau Ming-Wei.

**Meeting began at 4:00pm**

### **I. General Business**

1. Introductions
2. Secretary: Tom Johnson—no news
3. Treasurer: Matt Berberich—no news
4. GPP Notes (30 min): Sharon Milgram attended the GSC meeting and discussed the upcoming review of graduate education at the NIH. Institutional partnerships will be reviewed this coming June and a review of individual agreement students would come at a later date. A letter outlining the review process will be distributed to the graduate student community in the next few weeks. Questions should be directed to Caroline or Sharon.
5. Dissertation Discussion Group
  1. Will be meeting to discuss the process of completing your dissertation. Next meeting 04/07/09 from 11:30-12:30pm in Bldg 2/Room 2W15 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room). Sign up if you'd like to attend (see weekly OITE compiled). Questions→Betsey Wagener
6. May 4th GSC meeting to be held in Building 50, room 1328/1334, 4-5pm
7. Co-chairs presented at NIH Training Directors meeting
  - i. Provided introduction to GSC, described events
  - ii. Requested support in encouraging attendance at GSC events (GS3, Symposium, etc.)
  - iii. Generally well-received by the directors
  - iv. Will present once more to TD's in the fall before the symposium
8. Update on progress of the Student Faculty Academic Center
  - i. The center will be built in Bldg 10
  - ii. To include coffee shop, book store, FAES offices, class room, conference room
9. GSC is on Facebook. Does anyone want to help manage our Facebook group?
  - i. Vania Cao volunteered to lead the group

### **II. Committee Reports (20 min)**

#### **1. Social Committee**

- i. Low attendance at ice skating last month
- ii. Planning a tour of the Capitol
- iii. Bowling at NNMC on 04/16/09 at 6:00pm

#### **2. Triad Lunches-** Kim Baxter (Bldg 1), Kate Szarama (Bldg 10/B1), and Vania Cao (Bldg 35)

- i. This Wednesday, April 8 at 12pm. Please Come! Look for table banners.
- ii. PRs—please attend and encourage your constituency members to meet you
- iii. In May lunches will be held outside (weather permitting)

#### **3. Academic Committee**

- i. Teaching: Amanda Higley; Matt Berberich; Kate Szarama; Kate Callahan
  1. Organizing the summer journal club for post-bac's.
- ii. Biophysics and Structural Biology Interest Group: Tamara James
  1. Currently in a reorganization stage
- iii. Systems Neuroscience Interest Group: Tracy Jill Doty
  1. Thursday April 9, 5pm, Grad Student Lounge – speaker: Anke Karabanov; plus a discussion about the future of SNIG & search for a new leader.

#### **4. Career Development**

- i. Pathways: Nick McBride, Shau-Ming Wei, Sally McMillin
  1. Season for Pathways events is winding down

2. Will attempt to have a few GS-oriented events in summer as FELCOM does not hold events during that time
3. K99/R00 grant seminar on 04/07/09
- ii. GS<sup>3</sup>: Matt Berberich
  1. April 16<sup>h</sup> focus on Immunology, **1pm in Grad Student Lounge**, Lydia Durant and Sophia Cleland
  2. Flyers handed out during meeting—please post around campus to advertise
  3. Future meetings will be held in Bldg 50/Rm 1227
  4. Future meetings will have a theme, i.e. genetics, virology, neuroscience, clinical research, cell biology, biochemistry/biophysics, microbiology, infectious disease, etc.
- iii. Spring Career Symposium: Sandra Chapman and Jason Warfel
  1. Save the date May 19th
- 5. Community Service** – Kim Baxter, Sandra Dillahunt, Augustin Luna
  - i. Manna Food Packing April 7<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Relay for Life April 18<sup>th</sup> - accepting Donations and Team Members
  - iii. Children's Inn May 27<sup>th</sup> – planning meeting Weds 4/22, 5:30pm, Clinical Center atrium coffee shop (Bldg 10).
  - iv. Blood drive April 15-16 in conjunction with post-bac's
- 6. Trainee Advisory Committee** – Emma Kurnat-Thoma, Julien Debbache, Sandra Chapman
  - i. Meeting held in march to discuss the website. Potential video on home page turned down.
- 7. Partnership Representatives**
  - i. International Individual Reps: Julien Debbache, Guillaume LeBoucher
  - ii. US Individual Reps: Sandra Chapman, Sandra Dillahunt
  - iii. Formal Reps: Kate Szarama, Shau-Ming Wei, Ashley Owen, Micah Webster, Sariah Khormae, Lydia Durant, Andre Pilon, Augustin Luna, Shawna Graves, Matt Berberich, Candace Pfefferkorn, Jill Harunaga, Anastasia Tikhonova, Emma Kornat-Thoma, Kevin Woolard
- 8. Public Relations Committee**
  - i. Newsletter – Co-Editors: Cynthia Chang, Becca Chodroff, Vania Cao
    1. March newsletter recently published, included new science policy section
  - ii. Website – Web Mistress: Christina Saikus
    1. Kate and Kim now have access to website to make revisions and updates
  - iii. GSX – Moderator: Julien Debbache – no news
  - iv. FELCOM Rep: Dan Crooks
    1. Next FELCOM meeting in may—send Dan anything you'd like him to present
- 9. Retreat Committee** – Stephanie Guzik, Micah Webster, Candace Pfefferkorn, Heather Huson
  - i. Meeting being held on 4/8/09
- 10. Symposium Committee** – Kate Callahan, Dan Crooks, Phil Wang, Tom Johnson, Pavitra Kannan
  - i. Keynote speaker is Professor Keith Yamamoto, chairman of the Department of cellular and molecular pharmacology at UCSF.
- 11. Thesis Committee** – Tina Tang, Khalisa Herman, Rui Gao, Athena Klutz, Megan Cleland
  - i. Awaiting database of information on soon-to-graduate students from the GPP

### III. New Business

Take committee photos (Teaching; Biophysics; Public Relations; Thesis)

**Meeting concluded at 5:15pm**